

## The Region 7A Committee

### Minnesota State High School League

#### Subsection 25

TBD Bd. of Ed.  
Nathan Libbon Supt.

#### Subsection 26

Jay Belcastro Supt.  
Tim Rohweder Prin..

#### Subsection 27

Jim James A.D.  
John Vukmanich Prin.

#### Subsection 28

Travis Vake A.D.  
Jesse White Bd. of Ed.

#### At Large

Jeff Gronner, Sue Northey, Kristen Cooper, Jason Thurm.

#### Region Executive Secretary

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### Region 7A Minutes

April 3, 2024

Valentini's - Chisholm MN

**Not Official until approved on May 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Gronner at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken and a quorum was certified. Tim Rohweder, Jesse White and John Vukmanich were absent. Nathan Libbon was represented by Dave Foster, Jay Belcastro was represented by Scott Ross, Jason Thurm was represented by John Peterson, and Tony DeLeon represented Subsection 25.

1. Motion Dave Foster, second Sue Northey to adopt the agenda. **Motion Carried**
2. Open Forum: None
3. Motion Kristen Cooper, second Travis Vake to approve the minutes of January 31, 2024. **Motion Carried**
4. The financial report which covered the January and February bank reconciliations and a review of the region secretary expenses since the last meeting were shared. Motion Cooper, second Foster to approve the financial report. **Motion Carried**
5. Executive Secretary Report: Reviewed highlights from Region Secretary meetings including the MSHSL initiative to work with MASSP & MASA to familiarize leadership with the work/life balance of an athletic director; there are 218 MN AD's with less than two years of experience. The league is working on a policy that will assist in sunseting MSHSL activities with less than 32 schools participating. Shared an update on negotiations with WDIO in regards to the television rights to 7A Boys Hockey. Commented on 7A's participation at the MNIAAA convention; noted the growth of non-public and homeschool memberships in the league.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Shared Winter tournament survey feedback. Basketball schools would like to revisit how we seed; either as a section or in two subsections and consider a site rotation. Participating AD's will be polled and locations will be secured for next year. Hockey sites were discussed and potential locations are being considered. A One Act update was given and all but one subsection site has been secured for next year. Nordic Ski will return to Giants Ridge next winter. B. Swim was discussed and consideration for a rotation is in the works with Grand Rapids as a potential location for next year.
  - b. A Region 7A payback to schools proposal was accepted. Motion Scott Ross, second by Cooper to pay back participating 7A schools a total of \$133,196. **Motion Carried**
  - c. The FY23 Audit was reviewed and approved by the committee. Motion Ross, second by John Peterson to approve the findings provided by LICARI-LARSEN & CO. **Motion carried**
7. New Business:
  - a. The winter advisory recommendations were tabled to our May meeting. This will allow the 7A Region AD's to meet in early May and provide feedback for the committee.
  - b. The Marshall and LCA - boys' and girls' lacrosse and Hill City/Northland - girls volleyball Coops were approved. Motion Cooper, second by Jim James to approve the Coops. **Motion carried**

8. Other: None
9. The next meeting is set for May 9, 2024 at Valentini's 10:30 AM in Chisholm, Minnesota.
  - The Fee Structure Committee composed of Scott Ross, Sue Northey, Kristen Cooper, Jason Thurm, Nathan Libbon, and Jim James will meet at 9:30 am prior to the full committee meeting.
10. Adjourn: Motion Vake, second Ross to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**  
The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gronner at 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chad Stoskopf, Exc. Secretary

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Jeff Gronner, Chairman